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Paper Format

- One-inch margins on all sides
- Easily readable typeface (Times New Roman is best)
- No title page heading & title appear on first page. Title appears in plain text.
- Page numbers in right-hand corner, ½" from the top, flush right.
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Works Cited Page

- o List only sources that you actually used.
- O List the complete title of the article, essay, or book.
- O Alphabetize your list by authors' last names or the first main word in a title.
- Online sources **no longer require URLs**, unless the title of the website does not easily lead the reader to find the source.
- Publication medium (print or electronic) is required.
- o Format:
 - Author's last name first
 - Double-spaced
 - Title italicized *no more underlining*!
 - Left-aligned margin
 - Indent second and third lines five spaces
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Last name, first name. Title of Book. Publication City: Publisher, year. Print.

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Anthology authors, eds. Title of Anthology. Publication City: Publisher, year. Print.

Book by Two or More Authors

Last name, First name, and First name Last Name. Title of Book. Publication City: Publisher, year. Print.

o Booth, Wayne C., Gregory G. Colomb, and Joseph M. Williams. *The Craft of Research*. 2nd ed. Chicago: U of Chicago P, 2003. Print.

A Work in an Anthology

Last name, First name. "Section Title." Book Title. Ed. Editor's Name. Publication City: Publisher, year. Pages. Print.

o Bordo, Susan. "The Moral Content of Nobokov's *Lolita*." *Aesthetic Subjects*. Ed. Pamela R. Matthews and David McWhirter. Minneapolis: U of Minnesota P, 2003. 125-52. Print.

An Article in a Reference Book

"Article Name." Reference Book Title. Edition. Year. Print.

- o "Azimuthal Equidistant Projection." Merriam-Webster's Collegiate Dictionary. 11th ed. 2003. Print.
- o For more variations, see MLA Handbook p. 160-61.

Article in a Scholarly Journal: Basic

Author's name. "Title of the Article." Journal Title volume #.issue# (year): pages. Print.

Piper, Andrew. "Rethinking the Print Object: Goethe and the Book of Everything." *PMLA* 121.1(2006): 124-38. Print.

o For an article from a journal that uses only issue numbers, omit the volume number.

Basic Newspaper

Last name, first name. "Article Title." Newspaper Title dd/month/yyyy, edition: page#. Print.

- o Jeromack, Paul. "This Once, a David of the Art World Does Goliath a Favor." New York Times 13 July 2002, late ed. B7+. Print.
- For more examples and variations, see the MLA Handbook p. 142.

An Article in a Magazine

Last name, first name. "Article Title." Magazine Title dd/month/yyyy: page numbers. Print.

o McEvoy, Dermot. "Little Books, Big Success." *Publishers Weekly* 30 Oct. 2006: 26-28. Print. See the *MLA Handbook* p. 143-148 for more variations.

Work Cited Only on the Web

Only include the URL if the citation information would not lead a reader to easily find the source.

Last name, first name. Title or "Title." Title of overall web site (if different than title of document). Version/edition (if any). Publisher/sponsor/"n.p.", Date of publication/n.d. Web. Date of access.

o Committee on Scholarly Editions. "Guidelines for Editors of Scholarly Editions." *Modern Language Association*. MLA, 25 Sept. 2007. Web. 15 May 2008.

Work on the Web That Also Appears in Print

- O Usually, you will use this kind of entry for scanned-in books.
 - Author. Title of Publication. Publication Information. Title of Hosting Site. Web. Date of access.

Cascardi, Anthony J. Ideologies of History in the Spanish Golden Age. University Park:

Pennsylvania UP, 1997. Penn State Romance Studies. Web. 12 Mar. 2007.

Scholarly Journal From an Online Source

- o Exactly like a scholarly journal entry, but adding:
 - Medium of publication (Web)
 - Date of access

Schmidt-Nieto, Jorge R. "The Political Side of Bilingual Education: The Undesirable Becomes Useful."

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